THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Under the Cancer Control Programme, Central assistance is provided for the following:—

(i) To Regional Cancer Research & Treatment Centres located at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calcutta, Cuttack, Delhi, Gwalior, Guwahati, Madras and Trivendrum for the purchase of sophisticated equipments;

(ii) To Government and non-Government institutions engaged in provision of cancer treatment for the purchase of cobalt therapy units at the rate of Rs. 12.00 lakhs;

(iii) For setting up of Pap Smear Testing units under the Post Partum Programme in the Medical Colleges.

(b) Proposals given for Cancer Control Programme during the 8th Plan are being examined. They will be formulated on the basis of the recommendations of the Second Conference of Central Council of Health & Family Welfare held in February, 1989. The Conference had recommended:

(i) To conduct an evaluation of the Regional Cancer Centres and thereafter assess the requirements of funds;

(ii) To strengthen medical colleges in States which do not have Regional Centres for providing treatment facilities;

(iii) Developing Oncology wing in at least 50 per cent of the medical colleges during the 8th Plan for management of cancer cases and developing outreach programmes for early detection of cancer;

(iv) Training of medical, para-medical personnel and technicians at the Regional Cancer Centres/Medical Colleges;

(v) Integration of Cancer Control with existing health care programmes.

Extension of immunisation programme in the Villages

*209. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to extend the benefits of Immunisation programme to the rural areas through the Primary Health Centres and the mobile health care units;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to make the P.H.Cs as the Centres for immunisation facilities; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Immunization Programme is already being implemented in rural areas through primary health centres, health sub-centres and out-reach services.

(b) Immunization services are provided up to village level on days which are publicized in advance.

(c) and (d) Primary Health Centres have been equipped with cold chain equipments like Refrigerators, deep freezers and other equipments like auto claves, syringes, needles etc. in more than 300 districts. Primary Health Centres of remaining districts are being supplied with the required equipments during the current year.

Reimbursement of cost to industries developing equipment for defence

*210. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether specific conditions have been recently imposed by the Ministry of Defence to govern the scheme for reimbursing to the industries the cost incurred

by them on developing the equipment for defence requirements;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this step is likely to improve the development of new defence equipment; and

(d) whether the private sector had accepted these conditions?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) There is no specific scheme for reimbursing to the industries the cost incurred on developing equipment for defence requirments. Under the existing procedure, the price settled with the industry for supply of an equipment is expected to take care of the developmental cost.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

High mortality rate among women in the country

*211. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mortality rate among women in the country is high;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the factors responsible therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to bring down the mortality rate among women in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) As per the latest estimate of SRS (Sample Registration system) of RGI the number of female deaths per thousand female population at the National level for the year 1986 is 11.2. The corresponding death rate among males for the year 1986 is 11.0.

(b) Pregnancy and child birth is associated with grave risks which may endanger the life of a woman.

(c) During pregnancy and child birth women are provided ante-natal, intra-natal and post-natal care, prophylaxis against nutritional anaemia, immunisation with tetanus toxid, MTP (Medical Termination of Pregnancy) facilities under Family Welfare Programme and supplementary nutrition under ICDS schemes.

Use of chloroform in pharmaceutical preparations

*212. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that chloroform is being used in pharmaceutical preparations in our country, especially in the expectorants;

(b) whether it is also a fact that chloroform is banned in many countries as it was cancer-causing and also led to hepatic failure; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to ban the use of chloroform in pharmaceutical preparations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government have initiated steps to ban the use of Chloroform in pharmaceutical preparations.

Demands of faculty members of the AIIMS, New Delhi

*213. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the faculty members of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi have recently sought the Prime Minister's intervention on their long-standing demands; if so, the details of their demands; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?